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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
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Dear Larry:

I want to take this opportunity to express my very great appreciation for the outstanding job you recently performed in organizing and assisting the Board of Inquiry for the Francis Gary Powers case.

Without your valuable assistance, I am sure that the Board would not have been able to achieve its thorough and competent review of this difficult matter within the short space of time available to it.

I wish you would also express my personal appreciation to all of the others who gave so unstintingly of their time and effort to assist the Board members in the achievement of their mission.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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